

**Table A. Differences Between Census 2000 and 1990 Census Edit and Imputation Procedures  
for the Questions on Place of Birth and Hispanic Origin**

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<b>Editing Procedure</b>	<b>Census 2000 Procedure</b>	<b>1990 Procedure</b>
<b><i>Place of Birth</i></b>		
<b>Allocation of detailed country of birth</b>	Imputed detailed country of birth and state of birth codes	Only detailed state of birth was imputed
<b>Use of native or foreign born check boxes in question format</b>	Included check boxes "In the United States" and "Outside the United States" as well as write-in areas for specific state/country of birth. These check boxes are used in the edit procedures.	There were no check boxes - only a space for a write-in entry.
<b>Control variables in hot deck matrix</b>	Asian was included as a control variable in hot deck matrix. A combined race/Hispanic variable was used as control (Hispanic; White not Hispanic; Black not Hispanic; Asian not Hispanic; Other not Hispanic)	White, Black and Other were the race categories used. Race was considered separately from Hispanic.
<b>Relationship categories</b>	Son/daughter (natural and adopted) and stepson/daughter were considered jointly for assigning place of birth code	There was no adopted son/daughter category in 1990. Son/daughter and stepson/ daughter were edited separately.
<b>Group Quarters</b>	GQ and household population are edited separately.	GQ and household population were included in the same edit.
<b><i>Hispanic Origin</i></b>		
<b>Reporting of more than one origin</b>	Reporting more than one origin not allowed - Resolution to one origin using a set of rules; all responses retained for research purposes.	Reporting more than one origin not allowed- Data capture and data processing retained only one origin.
<b>Within-household imputation</b>	Assignment of origin based on another person in household (according to a pre-defined priority order of household relationship) <i>with the same race</i> .	Assignment of origin based on another person in household according to a pre-defined priority order of household relationship. <i>Race match not required</i> .
<b>Surname-assisted hot decks</b>	Separate hot decks depending on whether the surname is Spanish; not Spanish; not clearly Spanish or not Spanish or not reported.	Separate hot decks not used.
<b>Joint allocation of race and origin</b>	If both race and origin were not reported, an attempt was made to assign both race and origin from the same donor within the household. If hot deck assignment was required, both race and origin always were assigned from a single donor	If both race and origin were not reported, each was assigned independently of the other. Race and origin might not necessarily come from the same donor.